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Lafayette, Louisiana
March 5, 2002

Honorable Felix J. Boudreaux
Commissioner of Conservation
Office of Conservation
Post Office Box 94275
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re: Gardner Sand, Reservoir A
Simsboro Field
Lincoln Parish, Louisiana

Dear Commissioner Boudreaux:

Application is hereby made on behalf of **MURPHY EXPLORATION & PRODUCTION CO.**, for the calling of a public hearing, after ten (10) days legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Gardner Sand, Reservoir A, in the Simsboro Field, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, for which rules and regulations were established and drilling and production units were created for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate by the 222 Series of Office of Conservation Orders, including the unit designated GARD RA SUC:

1. To permit the applicant to recomplete, designate and utilize the Murphy Exploration & Production Co. – Givens No. 1 Well as alternate unit well for the GARD RA SUC, in the Simsboro Field, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, said well to be at the location shown on the plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, in exception to the spacing provisions of the 222 and 222-F Series of Office of Conservation Orders.

2. To find that this well is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the reservoir covered by the unit which cannot be so drained by any existing well within such unit.

3. To permit the operator to produce the unit allowable from the existing unit well, the proposed alternate unit well or both, in any combination, at the discretion of the operator.

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4. Except to the extent herein set forth, to continue in full force and effect the provisions of the 222 and 222-F Series of Office of Conservation Orders and the units created thereby.

5. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

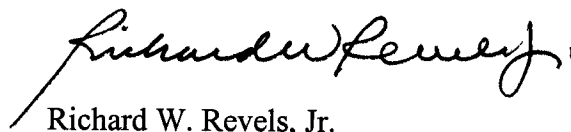
The Gardner Sand, Reservoir A, in the Simsboro Field, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, was previously defined in the 222 and 222-F Series of Office of Conservation Orders and amendments thereto.

The proposed alternate unit well will permit efficient and economic recovery of hydrocarbons underlying the unit and is needed to satisfy the market demand for gas and condensate from the field.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the applicant's proposal along with a list of the names and addresses of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom a copy of this application is being sent. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, such list of parties is being furnished only to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation; however, the list of parties will be provided to any party requesting a copy of it. A reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Interested Parties and Represented Parties.

Finally, enclosed herewith is our check on behalf of the applicant in the amount of \$700.00 made payable to the Office of Conservation representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,



Richard W. Revels, Jr.

RWRjr/dbf
Enclosures

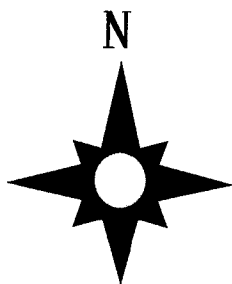
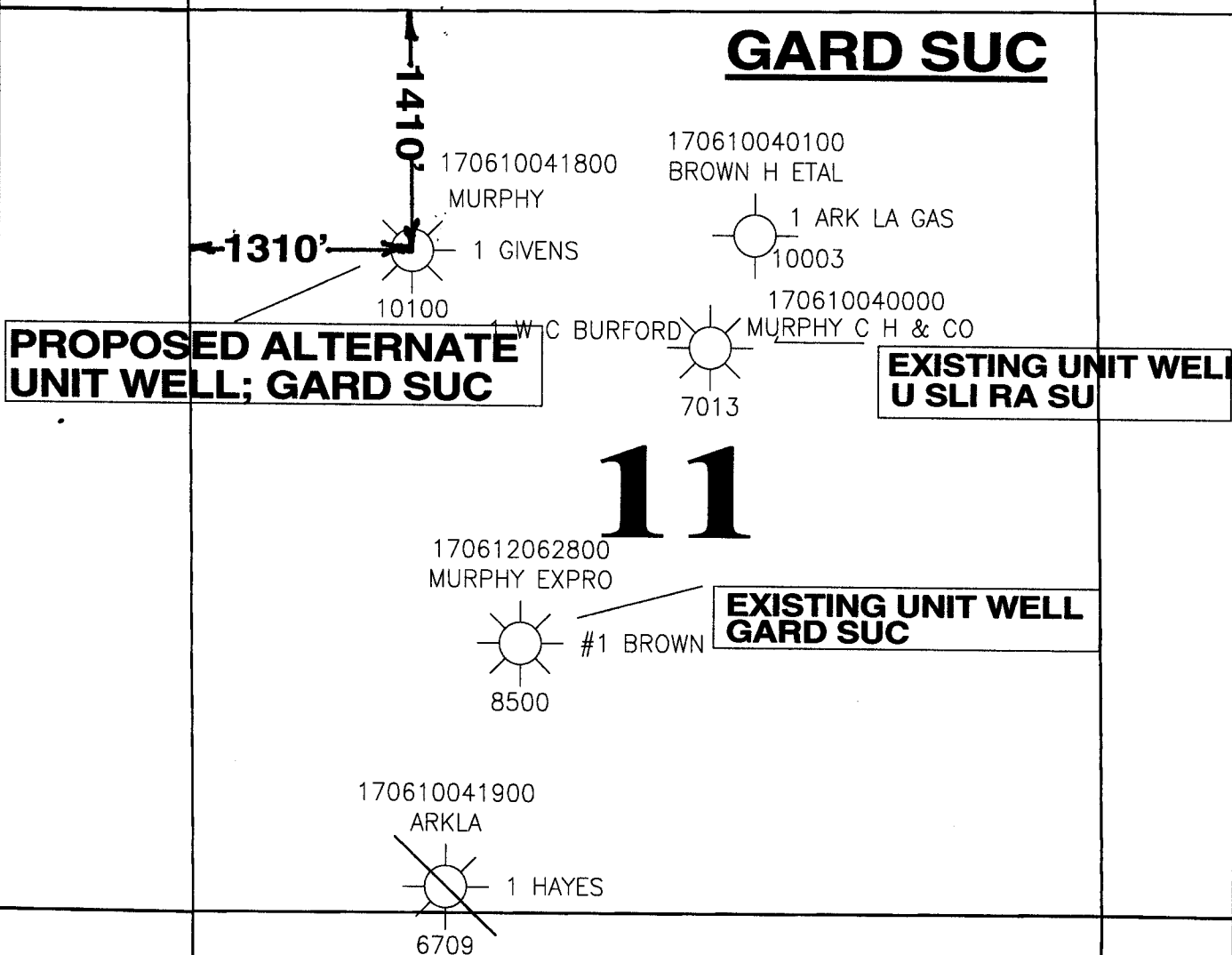
cc: Mr. James Broussard
Shreveport District Office of Conservation

cc: Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties

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SECTION 11 TOWNSHIP 17N RANGE 4W

GARD SUC



Scale 1:12000.

200. 0. 200. 400. 600. 800. 1000. feet

MURPHY EXPLORATION & PRODUCTION CO.

SIMSBORO FIELD - LINCOLN PARISH, LA
PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL
AT AN EXCEPTIONAL LOCATION; GARD SUC

GEO:R. J. PARKER

ENG:J. HOLLAND

2/25/2002

EXHIBIT 1

1" = 1000'

GARDEXH1.GPF